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POLITICAL BUNK

Fellows Running United Societies Disgust Voters of Chicago by Mad Rush for Public Jobs for Themselves.

The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way.

Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.

Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.

The gang known as "United Societies" for Local Self Office Holding, with Appetite John and numerous other political job hunters guiding its fortunes, hits the cause of Personal Liberty a harder blow than all the dyes in America can hit it. This gang antagonizes all of the great political parties with its bulldozing tactics and even goes so far as to criticize and injure liberal candidates of all parties who do not perform to the satisfaction of the gang. It puts candidates with the "United Societies" label up for all jobs. This gang in its hunger for office, forgets that liberal minded men of all parties are opposed to prohibition and they do not have to be clubbed or bulldozed into opposing the closing of saloons. The United Society gang is arousing the animosity of the public on all sides and the pitiful vote that "United Society" candidates receive at the polls is a warning of what may happen to Personal Liberty if the "United Society" gang keeps on stirring up the friendly animals.

The United Societies for Local Self Office Holding must have a strange drink of its own. We do not know what sort of a drink the Mutual Admiration Club calling itself the "United Societies" indulges in. It certainly is not sold over the bar. Instead of making its members see double, it increases their power of vision one hundred fold. The best of it is, these fellows talk of their strength so much that they believe they possess it and run for office on the strength of the popularity of the "United Societies" and the cause of personal liberty which they are running to death by running for office in its name.

A cool and calm look at the figures of the last regular and primary elections will throw some light on this alleged United Society strength.

We will omit from this list Appetite John Traeger, alleged to be the Principal Can Holder of the United Societies for Local Office Holding, because he is universally regarded as politically dead since Peter M. Hoffman beat him by over 60,000 majority and sent him to the political morgue.

Traeger has confined his later "United Society" ambitions to seeking appointive jobs and getting them on account of his wonderful personal liberty strength. This, by the way, was developed in the Dunne-Harrison campaign when Traeger tried to give his ward, the thirtieth, to Harrison, in return for the Comptrollership and lost it to Dunne, who carried Traeger's ward by over 3,000 majority. Mr. Graham also beat Mr. Harrison in the thirtieth ward and Mr. Harrison ran third out there, thanks, evidently, to the universal disgust of the voters with Traeger methods. Mr. Harrison, however, took pity on poor Traeger and made him Comptroller just the same.

But let us return to live men and look some of the figures in the face: Total vote for Balliff Municipal

The Eagle liked Cermak's record in the City Council and supported him for balliff, in which office he has also made a good record. But to say he was elected as the Champion of Per-

sonal Liberty does the cause no good when you look at the election returns. Court, November, 1912. 379,054 Cermak, the Brains of the United Societies 133,712

Majority against Champion of Personal Liberty 246,342 Now, supposing Personal Liberty was really the issue, what a shock these figures would be to people who think the United Societies have any strength.

Mr. Cermak, who is personally a popular man, simply polled the regular Democratic vote and, with the opposition divided, that elected him. The Republican Candidate Kinsella polled 103,807; Loucks, Progressive, polled 87,960; Bodengrave, Socialist, polled 50,909.

If the "United Societies" have half of the voting strength that some of the wind bags who are touting their game claim they have, the vote of 133,712 for Cermak put them in bed with the public because he was certainly entitled to all of their ballots and.

Because, at the same election, McCormick for County Commissioner, got 137,480 votes in the city; Blocki, for Board of Review, got 139,520 in the city, and Edward F. Dunne, whom the "United Societies" refused to endorse, got 157,051 votes in Chicago alone, for Governor.

So much for United Society bunk at the regular election.

At the primary election last year, the United Societies showed the Traeger end of itself in regular Mandril fashion.

John Koelling, former President of the United Societies and star speaker and organizer of the giblets, ran for the Republican nomination for Recorder of Deeds.

The Republican voters so far disregarded the great exponent of personal liberty that he only polled 12,341 votes out of 115,005 votes cast.

At the Democratic primary Charles H. Kellerman, President of the United Societies, got 42,384 votes, against 56,343 for Joseph F. Connery, who was nominated.

Leopold Neuman, the Grand General Organizer of the United Societies, was a candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner. At least it was said he was. He finished so far down on the list that it would make a person dizzy to look for the result through a glass. He never was heard of after the primary closed until the United Society season opened again and the "half million voters" it has on tap were summoned to the meetings to fight for "personal liberty"—and more jobs.

Weeping Richert wants to electrify railroad terminals. If something would electrify Weeping Richert's terminal he might get over the habit of fainting when Merriam takes a crack at him.

Members of the school board committee on buildings voted to appropriate \$1,800,000 for a modern technical school and other buildings in Englewood. Robert J. Rouleston, a member of the board, who lives in Englewood, presented the resolution. It is estimated that \$900,000 will go toward building the technical school at a site between 61st, 62nd and Lin-

coln streets and Winchester avenue. The high school already voted for the grounds of the Chicago Normal school will receive \$750,000. The present Englewood high school will be re-modeled.

Senator Cullom and Senator John M. Palmer represented Illinois for six years at the same time when both lived in Springfield. That was all right but when Chicago wants two senators,



PETER M. HOFFMAN.
Popular Official Who Beat Appetite Traeger for Coroner by Over 60,000 Majority and Sent Him to the Political Garbage Dump.

the little grouches who hate Chicago all kick.

Appetite John wants to be County Treasurer the worst way. He wants to make a record as a job hunter. He has one already.

Appetite John Traeger hasn't fully decided on whether the County Treasurership or the Mayoralty would suit him best. But as the Treasurership

vacancy comes first he will sharpen his bill on that before calling for something else.

Both Congressmen-at-large from Illinois live in the country. No kick about this. When Chicago asks for two senators because she has the material, the boneheads howl.

Local Option is a dangerous disguise. It really means prohibition.

Real Personal Liberty will defeat Local Option and Prohibition every time.

Roger C. Sullivan's candidacy for the United States Senate was launched formally Sunday afternoon, while 2,000 of his followers gathered in, Co-han's Grand Opera House, shouted themselves hoarse.

Mr. Sullivan did not attend the meeting, nor did he make any formal announcement that he was a candidate for the seat now held by Lawrence Y. Sherman. His principal lieutenants, however, were in full charge of the meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Cook County Democracy, and they spoke for him.

Robert M. Switzer, county clerk; Francis D. Connery, city Clerk and mayoralty possibility; John McGillen, chairman of the regular Democratic county committee, and John W. Rainey, clerk of the Circuit Court and another mayoralty possibility, were the orators of the occasion. All of them spoke of the Sullivan candidacy for the Senate, and declared that his friends would insist upon his making the race.

The Telephone Trust, the pet of Chicago Aldermen, is getting itself disliked all over the country.

The Government should break up the Phone Trust.

A costly water meter in every flat is the latest Aldermanic scheme.

Paying for water like you do for gas, only more, is what Chicagoans have in store for them with meters in every home.

Fellows who are the loudest shouters for "home rule" when there is anything in it for them, are the first to

DON'T ELECTRIFY

If the Aldermen Electrify Terminals They Will Throw 196,000 Railroad Men Out of Chicago Jobs.

Water Meter Graft, Telephone Graft and the Latest Efforts of the Trusts to Get the People's Money.

Water Meters in Every House and the Sale of Chicagoans to the Phone Trust Are Facts Not to Be Forgotten.

The People Can Remedy These Things by Electing Men Who Work for Them and Not for Their Common Enemies.

Chicago aldermen think very little of the 196,000 railroad men of Chicago when they talk so glibly about electrifying the railroad terminals and freight yards of this great city.

In Chicago there is an interchange of 25,000 freight cars a day, and 65,000 cars of freight are daily moved into the city. To keep pace with the phenomenal industrial growth of Chicago the railroads have had to lay tracks under all sorts of conditions. The demands for service have com-

calities so intricate that only the most experienced employees now know all their ins and outs. Chicago is a vast switching yard.

All this has a most important bearing on the electrification question, not only from the standpoint of practicability, but also from the danger standpoint. It is an entirely different proposition to electrify straight passenger tracks in a protected right of way than to apply the same methods to a complicated network of switches and side tracks. Nowhere has electrification been attempted under conditions anything like those which prevail here. With the exception of interurban and street railways, which are not comparable to steam railroad service, there has been no electrification except on account of tunnels, and there has been no electrification of freight tracks on a large scale anywhere in the world.

Mayor Harrison's subway system is the only one for Chicago.

Members of the Tenth Ward Tax-payers' Association sent to the city hall a protest against the acquiring by the city of the Chicago Reduction Company's plant.

Appetite John has pulled a handsome fortune out of the public in the last 10 years in the way of salaries for fat jobs held by him. He would be a long time driving a beer wagon before he could start a bank.

"Special Investigator Fox has been given full authority to probe as deeply as possible into matters that come before the commission on city expenditures," said Alderman Melville G. Holding, head of that body. This statement followed complaints by Richard T. Fox, investigator, that the commission was merely reviewing a report of the efficiency division of the Civil Service Commission without going behind the figures or checking up the statements made.

Alderman Burns of the 21st is no homehead. He has introduced an ordinance requiring pedestrians to cross streets at street intersections and imposing a penalty for crossing at other places would be valid in the opinion of the corporation counsel.

Charles H. Wacker, president of the Chicago plan commission, declared that the gaining of the use for Chicago of the lake front between 16th street and Jackson Park was the greatest victory for the commission since its inception.

"When I became president of the body," he said, "I declared that if we could gain our three big points—the improvement of Michigan avenue, the widening of 12th street and the lake front plan—in ten years our big work would be done. It is now only three years, and we have all three—not completed, of course, but accepted by the city."

Isn't it a wonder that Traeger's little bank don't buy all of those bonds from the city if they are such a good thing? Has it bought any of them?

The United Societies for Local Self Office Holding are for Appetite John

Traeger for County Treasurer. He is one of them.

The idea of a gang of office hunters like the "United Societies" passing upon the merits of men who are running against them for the same jobs, is too funny for any use.

Office hunters, running for jobs on the strength of the United Societies, have lost their grip. The people are on to them.

Too much Traeger.

Traeger's little bank, that he is alleged to have made out of politics, since he quit driving, ought to buy those forlorn city bonds, now on sale "over the counter" out of gratitude, if for no other reason.

Iroquois Fire Traeger is still running for office on the strength of his record in connection with that catastrophe.

Electrification will prove a costly fad.

The Democratic County Central Committee of Lake County endorsed the candidacy of Roger C. Sullivan for the nomination for United States senator. The committee also decided to seek the nomination of a woman candidate for county superintendent of schools at the next county primary.

Chicago needs a new Comptroller.

We believe that the most discourteous and overfed political office hunter in America is John E. Traeger, our poor City Comptroller.

The United Societies refused to endorse Dunne for Governor, although his personal liberty record was well known. They endorse themselves for all jobs, however.

The Chicago Eagle reaches more people in political life than any other newspaper in Illinois.

Arnold tells the city to electrify the railroads. Don't do it.

Thousands of liberty-loving Democrats are disgusted and tired of being sidetracked for United Society candidates who do business on the "personal liberty" principle. And this feeling is growing.

"Personal Liberty" has fallen into bad hands.

The office seeking "United Societies" should disband. The gang of office hunters doing business under this name are hurting the cause of Personal Liberty.

Telephone service has been worse than ever since the people were sold out last by the aldermen.

Hoffman beat Appetite Traeger for coroner in 1904 by 60,325 majority and Traeger is the duck who calls himself popular. The official vote was: Hoffman, 199,449; Traeger, 139,124.